

# INTENSE ENTHUSIASM MARKS LOAN DAY

\$3,000,000,000 Campaign  
Throughout Nation  
Started Today.

## NEWTOWN RAISES QUOTA IN MINUTE

Bridgeport Parade, the  
Feature of Opening  
of Big Drive.

On this date one year ago, the United States entered the world war in defence of civilization, and today not only celebrates the anniversary of that memorable event, but makes it the occasion to collect \$3,000,000,000 from its citizens as the Third Liberty Loan to finance the fighting.

Indicative of the spirit with which this opportunity to back our fighters in France is hailed by this city and the State at large, is the fact that A. T. Nettleton, of the Newtown Savings Bank, chairman of the Newtown committee, telegraphed New York headquarters one minute after opening hour this morning that Newtown's quota of \$46,000 had been over-subscribed \$6,000.

No section of the country has hailed the day and the purpose with more enthusiasm or patriotic fervor than Bridgeport. Soldiers, sailors, policemen, firemen, and civilians, marched together in a monster parade which symbolized to the cheering thousands lining the thoroughfares, the important part each must play in winning the war.

From sun up this morning, an air of festivity, mingled with pride and determination pervaded the city. Flags were flung to the breeze in profusion and mingled with the Stars and Stripes, as well as the colors of our Allies, were the many starred service flags which waved from church, factory, and home, mute, but eloquent, evidence of the fact the United States is in the war to the finish and to win. Trains, trolleys and all other forms of conveyance from adjacent towns or suburbs of the city were crowded with holiday makers coming to Bridgeport to witness the celebration and parade, and from an early hour began taking their places along the line of march.

Special traffic squads were detailed to handle the crowds as well as the vehicles and many stores turned their windows into grand stands for the benefit of those too old or feeble to witness the stirring events from the sidewalks. Promptly at 2:30 this afternoon the parade headed by the military and civic officials swung into line from Washington park. The bands struck up martial airs and as the soldiers from the Black Rock naval station, under command of Lieutenant Dyer, came into view they were greeted with enthusiasm by thousands who shouted themselves hoarse, wildly waved hats, flags, or anything that could in any way demonstrate their feelings.

The ovation given the bluejackets and scarcely died down when the deep rumble of cheering multitudes swept along the line and once more the crowds were wildly cheering and waving flags, and well they might, for Bridgeport's Own, the Fourth Regiment, C. H. G., headed by its band and marching like veterans passed before the admiring gaze.

The men are well drilled, well equipped, and looked fit for anything or anyone. The ovation they received was well deserved and was continued until the appearance of the machine gun squad from the U. M. C. Co. marching their "Emma Gea," which was mounted on one of the famous Riker trucks. This businesslike outfit then attracted the attention of the crowds and came in for well earned applause. Heading the second division was the famous Coast Artillery band, which played for the large force of policemen commanded by Superintendent John H. Reed. The line of the march and put such real military kick into the music the policemen marched like regular army men.

Then came the firemen commanded by Fire Chief D. E. Johnson. These finely built, well uniformed, men made as fine a showing as any in the parade and were greeted with great enthusiasm by the thousands along the line.

Following the firemen came a contingent from Elias Howe, Jr., Post, G. A. R. There was not one in the vast throng who did not feel a lump rise in his throat as the men who fought for the cause of freedom and democracy in '61, now too old and feeble to march with their younger brothers in arms, passed in review comfortably seated in Riker trucks.

But even if they could no longer march with swinging stride to the beat of drums and the shrill note of the life, their spirit was the same, their every glance showed that today, as in the dark days of the Civil War, their aims and convictions are unwavering and one could note the look of envy in their eyes as they watched the younger and to them more fortunate men who were able to take up a rifle in defence of what they fought four bloody years to attain.

Bringing up the rear of the big parade was a large number of Riker trucks loaded with literature appealing to the people to take a share in the great fight against the modern Attila, to help keep the magazines of our soldiers filled with cartridges that will prevent the Hun from ravaging another inch of civilized lands.

These appeals were distributed by a large number of Boy Scouts, who up to a late hour last night despaired of getting the literature in time. A committee from Bridgeport went to New York and succeeded in getting 10,000 application blanks, and a large amount of advertising literature just as it came off the printing presses at 2:40 this morning. The entire lot was rushed to Bridgeport in time for the Boy Scouts to do excellent work in distributing it.

Members of the deposed Romanoff family living in the Crimea are not permitted to call upon each other. All are at work in gardens under guard.

## U. S. WILL GIVE HUNS SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES

This Will Take Place in a  
Few Weeks, Says Premier  
Lloyd-George.

London, April 6.—Premier Lloyd-George telegraphing today to the Lord Mayor of London on the occasion of a luncheon given to celebrate America's entry to the war, said: "During the next few weeks America will give the Prussian military junta the surprise of their lives."

## PNEUMONIA ILL MAN COLLAPSES IN VACANT LOT

Timothy Hayes, 57, who claims he has worked all the winter at the camp of the Hydraulic company at Easton, was found in a semi-unconscious condition today lying in a vacant lot at Sedgewick street and North avenue, by Patrolman John Waterbury. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where Dr. Keegan said that he was suffering from pneumonia. The doctor ordered him removed to Hillside Home for treatment, and this afternoon it was reported his condition is serious.

Upon being revived somewhat at the Emergency hospital, Hayes told the doctor that he is a brother of Detective Sergeant Thomas B. Hayes, of the Fifty-fourth street police station, New York city. He said he was taken ill while at the camp in Easton, but did not have money to come to Bridgeport to a doctor.

He then decided to walk, but collapsed last night when he reached the vacant lot where he was found this morning by Patrolman Waterbury. Dr. Keegan said the man's condition is grave, and was aggravated by sleeping without shelter last night, and because he is weak from lack of food.

## 5 MEN ARRESTED FOR HANGING OF TEUTONIC MINER

Collinsville, Ill., April 6.—The coroner of Madison county today applied for warrants for the arrest of five men whom he had been informed were in the mob that lynched Robert Prager, early Friday morning. Four justices of the peace refused to issue warrants.

Moss Johnson, district board member of the United Mine Workers of America, has promised that "at the proper time" he will issue a statement to show that members of the mob were in possession of certain information that caused them to take drastic action.

Gov. Lowden has issued a warning to officers in this district in which he says that a recurrence of the present situation probably will result in a proclamation of martial law.

## IRISH QUESTION HAS ARRIVED AT CRUCIAL STAGE

London, April 6.—The question of Ireland's future has reached a crucial stage with the announcement that the Irish convention has finished its work and decided on a report to be made to the government.

Premier Lloyd-George declared when the convention was organized that if agreed on a plan of government its plan would be embodied in a bill and placed before parliament. He also strongly intimated that the government might proceed to a settlement even if the convention failed to find some ground for settlement "by consent."

Therefore, new Irish developments are expected in the near future, although the first business before the government must be dealing with urgent war measures, chiefly that for increasing the army.

## TELEGRAM SENT BY KING GEORGE ON ANNIVERSARY

London, April 6.—Replying to a telegram sent by the Lord Mayor of London and his guests at a luncheon at the Mansion House, to celebrate the anniversary of the entry of the United States to the war, King George said:

"American troops are daily taking their place in the battle line and this increases more than ever the confidence with which we look forward to the ultimate victory of our united efforts in defence of the rights and liberties of civilization."

## BRITISH AIRSHIPS SINK TEN HUN SUBMARINES

London, April 6.—Details concerning the destruction recently of 10 German submarines by naval aircraft, eight by aeroplanes and the others by dirigibles, have been obtained by the Associated Press from admiralty reports. The first case is described as follows:

"While on patrol in the English channel a seaplane sighted a submarine eight miles away, directly in the path of an oncoming convoy of merchant ships. The seaplane approached by 30 miles an hour. The submarine tried to escape by submerging but was just as the seaplane reached a bombing position and released two bombs, one of which exploded on the conning tower. The seaplane dropped two more bombs into the midst of the mist from the collapsed submarine, which was of the largest type, carrying two guns."

The second case:

"At dawn a seaplane sighted a large submarine on the surface with a member of the crew standing by the gun. The seaplane dropped a bomb on the tail of the U-boat and afterward photographed the sinking submarine, with a big hole in its deck. A second bomb was dropped close to the submarine's bow, and the U-boat collapsed."

The third case:

"Two seaplanes attacked a large submarine travelling on the surface at 14 knots, with two men in the conning tower. A bomb was exploded close to the conning tower, and the submarine began to sink stern first. A bomb from a second seaplane completed the work."

The fourth case:

"Three patrol planes sighted a large submarine as it was submerging and dropped two bombs close to the conning tower, causing the submarine to turn turtle and disappear in a mass of oil and wreckage."

The fifth case:

"A seaplane sighted two submarines close to the surface and dropped two bombs. One bomb was ineffective, but the other hit the deck amidships. The submarine was hidden by the smoke of the explosion, and when the smoke cleared the U-boat was sinking, with both ends in the air."

The sixth case:

"A seaplane saw the track of a torpedo fired at a merchantman. It dived toward the surface and sighted the black shades of the submarine, well below the surface. It dropped two bombs, which both exploded close to the submarine, resulting in a large quantity of oil, bubbles and wreckage."

The seventh case:

"Two seaplanes sighted a U-boat on the surface and dropped a bomb each. The first bomb caused a heavy list to the U-boat, which began to sink by the stern. The second bomb exploded in the center of the swirl, demolishing the U-boat."

The eighth case:

"A seaplane dropped a bomb on a submarine just emerging and the submarine disappeared with a heavy list to port. The pilot dropped a second bomb into the swirl and a few minutes later a patch of oil 150 feet long and 12 feet wide appeared on the surface."

The ninth case:

"A naval airship at midday sighted a suspicious patch of oil and circled it in an effort to ascertain the cause. Suddenly a periscope broke the surface in the midst of the oil. The airship dropped a bomb close to the periscope and a series of bubbles began appearing, indicating that the damaged submarine was moving slowly away under the water. Several more bombs were dropped in the path indicated, until satisfactory evidence was obtained of the enemy's destruction."

The tenth case:

"An airship dropped two bombs over a submarine which was engaged in attacking merchantmen. Great patches of oil and bubbles indicated severe damage and trawlers made this complete by depth bombs."

## TRIBUTE PAID TO U. S. AVIATORS

London, April 6.—A tribute to American aviators with the British army in France, who are "numerous and always brilliant" is paid by the correspondent of the Daily News. He says American aviation mechanics also have rendered splendid aid.

Describing the air fighting on the western front, the correspondent says never before in any army have aeroplanes been used in such great concentration. On one sector of the battle front as many as 300 machines are in the air at one time. The use of machine guns on enemy troops, guns and transports by low flying machines, he adds, has been carried to a point far beyond anything in previous experience.

## PALMER ADVISES TAKING OF LOANS

Washington, April 6.—Allen Palmer, Custodian of the Liberty Bonds, advised all the government directors in the 50 or more large concerns taken over by his office because of enemy alien ownership to invest surplus funds of the concerns in Liberty Bonds. The policy of the government was to utilize the resources taken over in this way for the best possible results in the Liberty Loan campaign.

## MAINE PLANT IS BURNED IN FIRE

Bath, Me., April 6.—The plant of the Watson-Frye Co., engaged in the manufacture of bronze castings for the emergency fleet corporation and machinery for paper and pulp mills, was destroyed by fire today with a loss of \$75,000, spontaneous combustion believed to have been the cause.

## Those Engaged in Unimportant Pursuits and Idlers To Be Taken.

## PLANS ARE SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT TODAY

Men in Lower Sections of  
Class 1 Must Be Employed, Says Crowder.

Washington, April 6.—President Wilson had before him today a plan submitted by officials of the war and labor departments designed to use the machinery of the draft to put industrial slackers to work.

The main purpose of the new program as agreed on by the provost marshal general's office and labor department officials is to "purify" the second, third and fourth classes of registrants who are not engaged in productive industry, but the lower section of Class 1 also is given attention.

Framers of the plan see in its working a solution of the nation's labor problem and a large increase in the production of the necessities of life.

Every registered man who has been given a deferred classification would be given to understand that his exemption is not a legal right but a privilege and that if unfair advantage is taken of that privilege it will be revoked. The proposal provides for a survey of the lower sections of Class 1 and other classes to identify idlers or those getting their living from undesirable or "harmful" pursuits.

Gambling is suggested under the latter head. Notification would be served on these men that unless they found employment in useful industry their status would be changed and they would be inducted into the military service immediately.

The principal increase to the labor supply is expected to be derived from men in the lower sections of Class 1, whose position in that class gives them practically deferred classification.

With the addition of those who have reached the age of 21 since the passage of the selective draft law, Class 1 will include not less than 2,200,000 men. Even should the proportion of those who are not engaged in productive work be small, the aggregate will run into the hundreds of thousands.

At present the top tier of men in Class 1 in any local district may be composed entirely of men who are steadily employed in valuable industries while just below them in the same class may be a number of idlers. In such a case it is planned to warn the latter that they must seek employment or their status on the list will be altered to insure their being drafted ahead of the workers.

## HANG BELLS ON 1,050,000 N. Y. HOUSE KNOBS

New York, April 5.—Twenty thousand persons will hang pasteboard "Liberty Bells" inscribed "Ring It Again" on 1,050,000 door knobs in New York tonight, and an army of small boys will ring the door bells tomorrow morning to acquaint residents that the Third Liberty Loan drive has started. The police have promised not to molest the boys.

Other spectacular features will attend the opening of the campaign here. Seven aeroplanes from Mineola will fly over the city and drop "bombs" of loan literature.

## TO INVESTIGATE VALUE OF TEL. CO'S.

Washington, April 5.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered an investigation of the physical valuation of 45 telegraph and cable companies' property and of their financial condition, similar to the valuation of railroads under way for several years.

The inquiry is understood to be undertaken principally to assist the commission in passing on rate questions and includes the Postal Telegraph Co. of New York, Mackay Telegraph & Cable Co. with several subsidiaries, the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk, New England, the Kansas, America District, the Lehigh, and Chicago, Milwaukee & Lake Superior telegraph companies. The Western Union is not included.

## HISTORIC BELL SOUNDS AGAIN

Concord, Mass., April 6.—The old bronze bell that summoned the farmers of Concord to arms in 1775 rang again today to call forth the resources of the citizens in support of the Liberty loan. Workers set out early to obtain subscribers exceeding the \$375,500 allotment.

## SAVED 8,748 TONS OF FOOD

Washington, April 6.—Hotels and restaurants in Massachusetts saved 8,748 tons of food during the month of January, according to official figures received by the food administration today from Frank C. Hall, district hotel chairman for New England.

# FIRE POLICE OFFICER OF STRATFORD FORCE FOR SEDITIOUS TALK

ALLEGED TO HAVE CRITICISED OFFICIALS FOR  
GIVING DRAFTEES ROUSING SENDOFF—  
SPOKE DISRESPECTFULLY OF WILSON  
AND IS STRIPPED OF HIS BADGE.

(Special to the Bridgeport Times)

Stratford, April 6.—Special Officer Charles Pelham, bridge-tender at the Washington bridge, and member of the constabulary, was brought before the Selectmen at a meeting held a few days ago to answer charges of disloyalty. Upon hearing the testimony against him it was decided to "fire" him from the force. His badge was taken away by Chief of Police William B. Nichols, upon instructions from Clerk Harold C. Lovell.

## UPRISING AMONG URAL COSSACKS IN S. E. RUSSIA

Petrograd, Thursday, April 4.—(By the Associated Press)—The German warships and several torpedo boats have landed troops in Finland and occupied the town of Eknes, southwest of Helsinki. Several Russian warships, including four submarines, were powerless to prevent the entry of the Germans to the harbor of Hangö, and the sailors sank three of the ships in the harbor to prevent their capture.

The commander of the Baltic fleet has sent a communication to the German commander concerning the entry of German warships as a violation of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty, which guaranteed the security of the Russian fleet.

The arrival of the German fleet off the Finnish coast threatens the safety of the Russian fleet in Helsinki, which, for lack of an ice breaker, has been unable to reach the naval base in Kronstadt. The fleet includes two armored ships, a division of torpedo boats and submarines.

An anti-soviet uprising among the Ural Cossacks in southeastern Russia is reported.

## RUSS EMISSARY SAYS TREATIES WILL BE MADE

Moscow, April 4.—(By the Associated Press)—Peter Petroff, the Russian emissary who yesterday returned from Berlin with the ratified peace treaty signed by Chancellor Von Hertling and Emperor William, tells the Izvestia, the Bolshevik organ, that the provisions of the ratified treaty confirm the declaration of Foreign Secretary Von Kuehlmann during the reichstag debate that the provinces of Livonia and Esthonia, lying east of the new Russo-German frontier, are to be under Russian sovereignty.

M. Petroff reports that only the peace treaty with Germany has been ratified, the representatives of the other Central powers being absent. They have been officially notified of the ratification of the German document, however, and the exchange of ratified treaties with them will be made soon. The treaties become effective from the moment of the exchange of the documents.

M. Petroff expressed his personal opinion that the Ukraine, as a distinct nation, was non-existent, there being no racial differences between the people of the Ukraine and of Russia.

## COMMUTES JAIL TERM OF RYAN

Washington, April 6.—President Wilson has decided to commute to exile at once the prison term of Frank M. Ryan, formerly president of the International Union of Structural Iron Workers, now in Leavenworth penitentiary. Ryan was convicted in the dynamite conspiracy and his term originally would expire July 26, 1919.

Ryan was one of 24 union leaders convicted as an outgrowth of the sensational McNamara case and the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building. The president also has commuted the terms of four of the men sentenced with Ryan and the terms of all but three others have expired.

Repeated efforts have been made for commutation of all the sentences.

## TEACHER SAVES TROOP TRAIN

Toledo, O., April 5.—Discovering a tie spiked across the Baltimore & Ohio track 10 miles south of Toledo, near Perryburg, last evening, Grace Doyle, 26, a country school teacher in Roachtown, saved the 24 union leaders from a crash, removed her coat and with it flagged a train, approaching rapidly.

It was a freight, followed closely by a heavy troop train. It took the freight crew 25 minutes to remove the obstruction.

## WILL INVESTIGATE FREIGHT RATES

Washington, April 5.—A general investigation of "bad freight rates" on petroleum products was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. The investigation was decided on in view of wide differences in the amounts and percentages of recent rate increases sought by the railroads. It appeared, said the order, that an equitable adjustment of rates could be effected only by a general adjustment covering the whole situation.

Officials of Stratford are reticent about the matter, and will not make a statement covering the case in full, but it was learned from one of the town officials that the charges against Pelham were based upon a number of remarks he is alleged to have made criticizing the local board of selectmen for tending an official farewell to the men of Stratford who were drafted.

It is understood his case has been turned over to the agents of the Department of Justice and that they are giving his case a thorough investigation.

He still retains his position as bridge-tender, but it is reported his stay in that position will be very brief.

When seen today First Selectman James Lally, of Stratford, declined to go into details but said that the charges made against Pelham had been reported to the board by a thoroughly trustworthy and respected citizen who testified that every remark made by Pelham reflected upon the character of the President of the United States and the government in general. He also stated that the town of Stratford did not desire to have of its force anyone who was in any way antagonistic to the government of the United States.

Efforts were made to get the name of the person who reported the alleged utterances to the Stratford authorities, but the officials handling the case refuse to disclose his identity.

## REFUGEES SEEK SAFETY FROM HUN TROOPS

London, April 6.—More than 250,000 refugees from the regions taken from Russia by Germany are seeking safety from the German troops on the eastern frontier of the Ukraine. The Russian government, according to a wireless statement, has notified the German government that since the conclusion of peace the situation has become intolerable and the refugees have concentrated on the frontiers of the provinces of Smolensk, Vitebsk and Mohilev. The Russian government says it purposes to open the frontiers for these refugees until their definite fate is settled.

## GOVERNOR EDGE ENTERS CONTEST FOR U. S. SENATOR

Trenton, N. J., April 5.—Gov. Edge announced today his candidacy for United States Senator. He will go before the Republican primaries next September seeking the nomination as successor to David Baird, whom he appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late Senator Hughes, which runs until March 3 next.

This means a three-cornered fight for the Republican nomination with Col. Austen Colgate of Essex and George L. Record of Jersey City, who have already announced their candidacy, as the other principals.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH IN AEROPLANE FALL

Baltimore, April 6.—George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, and Aviator O. M. Bouds had a narrow escape from injury this morning when the aeroplane in which they arrived here from Washington was disabled while making a landing at Pimlico race track. Both men escaped with a slight shaking up, but the machine was so much damaged that it cannot be used for a proposed flight over the city to distribute Liberty Loan literature while the parade of National Army troops is in progress this afternoon.

Aviator Bouds had brought the aeroplane to the earth and in his rapid run along the ground he swerved suddenly to avoid a steeplechase hurdle. The machine dug its nose into the ground with such force that the rudder, propeller blade and one wing were splintered. Repairs cannot be completed before tomorrow.

## MERCHANTS SELL STAMPS IN STORES

Washington, April 5.—Appointments of merchants to have charge in their respective states of the campaign to sell \$100,000,000 worth of war saving stamps through the retail stores, announced today, includes:

Rhode Island—Walter Callender, Providence.

Appointments for other states will be announced soon.

Fifty-eight men of Harvard have died in the service.